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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 25, 2002.

REMARKS

Applicant confirms his agreement that examination be restricted to Group I, namely Claims 1-11. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-11 based on Meller, Wiedemann and other references which disclose various electrode materials which are limitations in the claims of the present application. Applicant submits that these materials are not the novel feature of the invention as described in the present application.

The novel feature of this invention is that the electrodes are ("annealed after machining.") See the title of the application and our sentence summary of the invention. The copper electrodes annealed after machining is also a limitation of all of the claims under consideration. The Examiner has cited no suggestion in any of the